

May 3, 2002

HAND DELIVER

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications
and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 02-19

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find the responses of The Berkshire Gas Company (the "Company") to the first set of information requests of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth. Please note that consistent with the Motion for Confidential Treatment of The Berkshire Gas Company filed April 5, 2002 and the Department's decision in The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 01-41 (2001), the Company respectfully requests that the Department grant confidential treatment to certain of these responses. Accordingly, the copy of the responses provided to you includes redacted versions of several responses. The Hearing Officer is being provided non-redacted responses and the Attorney General is being provided non-redacted responses pursuant to a confidentiality agreement.

In addition, please amend my appearance on behalf of the Company to reflect the firm and address stated above.

Please call me if you require further assistance with respect to these matters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

BROWN RUDNICK BERLACK ISRAELS LLP

By: _____
James M. Avery

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Enclosure

cc: John R. Craven, Esq., Hearing Officer (w/4 non-redacted enc via hand delivery)
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